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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE

1. WE HAVE NOTED SOME MISLEADING SPECULATION IN MEDIA
ABOUT MIDDLE EAST PART OF U.S.-USSR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
NOVEMBER 24 AT VLADIVOSTOK, SUGGESTING IT REPRESENTS CHANGE
IN U.S. POSITION AND, IN ONE CASE, THAT IT MAY MEAN END OF
U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.
FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IF YOU SHOULD BE QUERIED
ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF MIDDLE EAST PARAGRAPHS IN COMMUNIQUE.

2. REFERENCES TO MIDDLE EAST IN VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT DIFFERENT IN SUBSTANCE FROM JULY 3,1974
MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE AT TIME OF LAST U.S.-USSR SUMMIT MEETING.
LANGUAGE REITERATES COMMITMENT TO JUST AND LASTING PEACE
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IN MIDDLE EAST, WITH UNSC RESOLUTION 338 AS BASIS FOR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SOLUTION. ON QUESTION OF PALESTINIANS, PHRASEOLOGY AGAIN IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO JULY COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINS COMMITMENT TO RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN AREA.

3. AS WE HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY, U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE DOOR IS OPEN FOR ONGOING DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO PURSUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS TOWARD MIDDLE EAST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

4. MIDDLE EAST PARAGRAPHS OF VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE FOLLOW. BEGIN TEXT. IN THE COURSE OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THAT REGION. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE A SOLUTION OF THE KEY ISSUES OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THAT AREA ON THE BASIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 338, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA. PARAGRAPH. THE SIDES BELIEVE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SHOULD RESUME ITS WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END TEXT.
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